

CONCESSION BY THE RAILROADS

Fifty-Four Eastern Roads Agree
to Arbitrate Under the
Erdman Act

NO STRIKE BY THE FIREMEN

Action of Companies Will Avert
Threatened Walk-Out

ANOTHER CRISIS IS IN SIGHT

New York, Feb. 18.—The eastern
railroads agreed today to arbitrate the
demands of the Brotherhood of loco-
motive firemen and engineers under
the Erdman act. This breaks the
deadlock. The decision of the roads
was announced in an official state-
ment issued by Chairman Lee of the
conference committee of managers.
"The managers feel," says the state-
ment, "that the public will not tolerate
a strike."

Lee's communication was addressed
to Judge Knapp of the commerce court
and C. W. Hanger, acting United
States commissioner of labor, who has
been acting in the mediators' dispute.
Railroads Agree Under Protest.
In part it reads:

"At the urgent request of you, as
representatives of the government,
and under the strongest protest we are
able to voice, the managers' com-
mittee agrees to arbitrate the firemen's
controversy under the Erdman act.
The managers shall earnestly request
the hearings be open to the public."

"The managers feel the public will
not tolerate a strike. Realizing the
three fold responsibility to the public,
their men and their shareholders, they
only agreed to arbitrate under the
Erdman act when it seemed the only
way to avert the calamity of a strike."

"The question put, the public should
seriously consider whether, in com-
pelling the railroads to arbitrate under
a defective and inadequate law, thus
securing temporary convenience and
accommodation, they are not sacrific-
ing their permanent welfare."

Trainmen Want Increase.

"The managers' committee wishes to
warn the public at this time of an-
other and similar demand for in-
creased wages made by the conductors and
trainmen. We desire to put the pub-
lic on notice as to the crisis which
will confront them when these de-
mands are considered by the railroads."

Would Amend Erdman Act.

The question to come before the ar-
bitrators is principally one of wages.
The railroads already have expressed a
willingness to raise the wages, but
not to the maximum demanded. To
grant this, they assert it would cost
twelve millions a year. The firemen
themselves admit the defects of the
Erdman act, and while the present dis-
pute is to be settled under the exist-
ing law, afterwards President Carter
of the brotherhood will meet with
the heads of other railway labor or-
ganizations and request Congress for an
amendment of the law in certain re-
spects.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

Arrangements Being Made for Big
Gathering in New York.

New York, Feb. 18.—Fire depart-
ment heads from a number of cities
of the United States and Canada met
in New York today for a conference
of the board of directors of the In-
ternational Association of Fire Fight-
ers, of which H. F. Magee, fire chief
of Dallas, Texas, is the president. The
purpose of the meeting is to discuss
arrangements for the annual conven-
tion of the association, which is to
be held in this city next September,
and which it is proposed to make the
largest and most notable gathering of
fire fighters ever held in America.
One of the features of the gathering
will be the unveiling of a magnificent
monument to be erected in Riverside
drive in memory of the heroes of the
New York fire department.

CASE IS NOW UP TO FERRIS.

Charges Against Baraga County Road
Commissioners Heard.

Gus Hartman of Calumet, recorder
for Baraga county, has arrived home
after attending the hearing held Mon-
day on the charges of misconduct in
office, lodged against Simon DeNomin
and James McKereher, Baraga county
road commissioners by Ex-Governor
Chase S. Osborn. The attorneys
for the respective sides closed their
cases yesterday and the testimony will
now be put up to Governor Wood-
bridge N. Ferris for his official deci-
sion. If he finds the charges are sus-
tained, the men likely will be removed
from office.

The action brought against these
men was about the last executive ac-
tion of Gov. Osborn as the papers were
filed Dec. 31, the last day of his tenure
of office.

GREAT INTEREST IN TWO BILLS

Eugenics Measure and Equal suf-
frage Amendment to Be
Up Thursday

LEGISLATURE TO LAST LONG

Adjournment Likely Will Not be
Possible Until May

MORE PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 18. (Special).—
Both the eugenics bill of Representa-
tive Glasgow and the equal suffrage
amendment, which had been placed on
the general order for today, were put
over until Thursday because of the ab-
sence of members attending the fun-
eral of Representative Grouse. These
two measures will bring out big dele-
gations from all parts of the state.

Representative Wheland, of Hills-
dale, introduced a resolution in the
House this morning directing Presi-
dent Taft and President-elect Wilson
to take steps towards restoring peace
in Mexico and protecting the lives and
property of American citizens in the
republic. Wheland's son is in Mexico
City, and has not been heard from for
two weeks.

Gov. Ross is endeavoring to
hurry the legislature towards an early
adjournment, and in the House of
Representatives Odell is circulating a
petition to finish the work by April 15.
However, with the late start, and the
mass of work ahead it is predicted
that the legislative mill will still be
grinding by May 15th.

Representative Jensen had present-
ed a bill providing that soldiers who
take advantage of the soldiers' ex-
emption law shall not be prohibited in
governmental affairs as any regular
law payer.

Representative Wheland introduced a
bill today copied after the Minnesota
law, providing that persons or cor-
porations offering text books for sale
in the state must file sworn statements
as to the price asked for similar books
in other communities, and agree to
furnish them at a price at least as
reasonable as the lowest price asked
elsewhere.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR DREADNOUGHT

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Newport
News Ship Building company's bids
of \$2,235,000 for constructing the new
dreadnaught Pennsylvania with Cur-
tiss turbine engines, was the lowest of
all the proposals opened by the navy
department today. It will be not only
the biggest ship in the American
navy, but so far as is known will ex-
ceed in size any warship so far laid
down by a foreign power. Its tonnage
will be 31,900, almost three times that
of the famous old Oregon.

Her total cost will be between
\$11,000,000 and \$12,000,000. Her length
will be in excess of 600 feet. The fact
that she will carry twelve 14-inch
guns and four submerged torpedo
tubes supported by a torpedo defense
battery of twenty-two 5-inch guns,
together with a waterline armorplate
of sixteen inches in thickness, made
it necessary to design a ship excep-
tionally long in order that her beam
shall not be too wide for safe pas-
sage through the Panama canal.

GEISMAR AT OSCEOLA.

Gives Interesting Talk To the Boys
on Potato Cultivation.

Prof. Leo M. Geismar, superintend-
ent of the upper peninsula experi-
mental farm at Chatham, gave a very
interesting talk to the boys of the Osce-
ola Anti-Cigarette league at the Osce-
ola school at 4 o'clock Monday after-
noon. After complimenting the boys
upon their organization to combat the
cigarette evil and upon their determi-
nation to cultivate potatoes during
the coming summer, he gave a talk
and practical demonstration in the
advance of selecting good seed and
the proper manner of cutting up the
seed to secure the biggest crop. He
gave the boys some ideas on the prop-
er manner of cultivating the soil to
get the greatest benefit and other
facts bearing on this subject.

The boys and a few farmers who
were present listened intently during
the talk of Prof. Geismar and it un-
doubtedly proved a very profitable one
for them.

While in this city Prof. Geismar
gave suggestions to other farmers on
scientific methods and the rotation of
crops.

MOHA DEFEATS THOMPSON.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 18.—Bob Mo-
ha of Milwaukee outfought "Cyclone
Johnny" Thompson of Sycamore, Ill.,
in every round of their ten round fight
here last night.

DAVID HARUM UP-TO-DATE



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POINCARE BECOMES FRENCH PRESIDENT

Inauguration Today Is Attended
by Great Rejoicing

Paris, Feb. 18.—Raimond Poincare
today assumed the duties of presi-
dent of the republic, while former
President Fallieres passed into pri-
vate life. The transfer of office took
place in the Elysee palace this after-
noon. The ceremony did not differ
in any material feature from the
program followed at previous inaugu-
rations. But, aside from the formal
ceremony, the popularity of M. Poi-
ncare was evidenced by popular re-
joicings throughout the country, the
demonstrations being more general
and more enthusiastic than were ever
before known to mark the advent of
a new president in France. The en-
tire country kept a holiday in honor
of the occasion. The government of-
fices, the schools and many places of
business remained closed for the day.

In Paris many buildings were de-
corated with flags and bunting, while
pictures of the new president were
displayed in countless windows. As
the hour for the ceremony approached
the streets in the vicinity of the Ely-
see palace became alive with people.
The scene as the president-elect drove
within the courtyard of the palace
was one of great animation. Several
regiments of infantry encircled the
yard, buglers in bright uniforms
sounded fanfares, colors were dipped
and the military bands played "The
Marseillaise." Outside the crowds
shouted "long live the president,"
and "long live Poincare."

Ceremony Lasts Five Minutes.

The actual ceremony of the trans-
fer of office was simplicity itself and
consumed scarcely five minutes from
the beginning to the end. In the Sa-
lon des Ambassadeurs, the largest of
the reception rooms of the Elysee,
the retiring president awaited the ar-
rival of the man who was to succeed
him in office. President Fallieres was
surrounded by the members of the
cabinet, delegations representing the
senate and chamber of deputies, and
the members of his military house-
hold.

President Fallieres' address of
greeting and the response of his suc-
cessor were both brief. Both MM.
Poincare and Fallieres wore evening
dress with the broad scarlet sashes
of the Grand Cross of the Legion of
Honor across their breasts. The
presence of their military staffs gave
brilliance to the scene, the bright
uniforms affording a pleasing con-
trast of color against the sombre back-
ground.

At the hour of the inauguration
every militaryarrison in France
thundered a salute of twenty-one guns.
The soldiers were given a half-holi-
day by order of the minister of war.

Palace to Be Renovated.

Following the ceremony the former
president and his family withdrew
to their private apartment in the Rue
Francois I. President Poincare did
not remain long at the palace, re-
turning to his former home, where
his wife awaited him. Just when
the president and Mme. Poincare will
take up their permanent abode at the
Elysee has not been announced. It is
rumored that the palace is to be re-
novated and redecorated from base-
ment to attic and that the new presi-
dent and his wife will remain in their
present home until the work is com-
pleted.

The extensive "brushing up" which
the Elysee is to undergo at the order
of Mme. Poincare is generally under-
stood to mean that the palace will

MAY PASS IMMIGRATION BILL OVER TAFT'S VETO

Washington, Feb. 18.—Friends of the
Barnett-Billingham "literacy test" im-
migration bill claimed to have enough
votes to repass the measure over
Taft's veto when the Senate recon-
venes today. The vote on the measure
will be taken at 3 o'clock.

The Senate this afternoon passed
the immigration bill over Taft's ve-
to, 22 to 18. An attempt will be made
to re-pass the bill in the House.

Eight Hour Day For Women.
The Senate committee agreed to fa-
vorably report the bill prescribing an
eight hour maximum time as a day's
work for women in the District of
Columbia. Senator Kenyon will intro-
duce a bill restricting the employment
of women throughout the country to
eight hours, by prohibiting their em-
ployment beyond that time in any in-
dustrial concern engaged in interstate
commerce.

WOMAN 100 YEARS OLD.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 18.—Surround-
ed by several generations of descend-
ants, Mrs. W. O. Dunham today cele-
brated the one hundredth anniver-
sary of her birth at her home in St.
John West. Among those present
were the centenarian's son-in-law
and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Pansford, who came from their home
in Westington, S. D., especially to at-
tend the celebration.

WEBB IMPLICATES NUMBER OF CHICAGO BUSINESS MEN

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Raids on "fences"
and arrests of a number of business
men, said to have profited by the
raids of automobile bandits more than
the bandits themselves, were planned
today by the police. The names and
addresses were obtained from Robert
Webb, confessed slayer of Detective
Hart.

HARD BLOW TO RENO.

Nevada Legislature Puts End to
Quick Divorce Bill.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 18.—Nevada's di-
vorce industry received a death blow
yesterday when an amendment pro-
viding for one year's residence as a
primary requirement to an application
for legal separation was passed by a
vote of 20 to 1. The measure, known
as the Barnes bill, had received the
approval of Governor Odell and al-
ready had passed the assembly. The
vote was a surprise to the supporters
of the bill, as well as its opponents.
Governor Odell announced last night
that he would sign the bill as soon as
it reached his office.

During the last two years 1,281
suits for divorce have been filed in
Reno, a city of 12,000 population.
There are probably 800 divorce seek-
ers in the city at the present time.

SUFFRAGETTE RANK UNBROKEN

Chester, Pa., Feb. 18.—With ranks
unbroken, the little band of suffra-
gettes walking to Washington, start-
ed southward at 10 o'clock this morn-
ing.

soon be the scene of social gaieties
and official entertainments such as
have seldom taken place within its
walls during the seven years occu-
pancy of M. and Mme. Fallieres were
neglect of the social obligations at-
tendant upon the office of chief ex-
ecutive of the nation and the mis-
tress of the Elysee has been a subject
of much comment and criticism.

FIXES VALUATION OF CORPORATIONS

State Tax Commission Places the
Value at \$238,867,225

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 18.—The state
tax commission has finished its work
on the assessed valuations of the cor-
porations in Michigan assessed by it,
which includes railroads, sleeping car
companies, express companies, car-
loading companies and telephone and
telegraph companies. The corporation
values are fixed at \$238,867,225 and on
a \$20.50 per thousand dollars assessed
valuation they will pay taxes to the
state aggregating \$4,959,141.98, as com-
pared to an assessed valuation last
year of \$237,185,169 and at a \$20.75
tax rate paid taxes amounting to \$4,912,-
995.52.

In January the tax commission made
public its tentative assessments of
these corporations and since that time
the corporations have had an oppor-
tunity of coming before the commis-
sion for hearing. The members to-
night say there have been few of the
corporations who have manifested that
they objected to the assessments.

Several Cuts Made.

There were several cuts made in the
assessed valuations of the corpora-
tions, chief among which was the
Ann Arbor railroad cut \$100,000 from
the tentative assessment. Lake Shore,
\$190,000; Michigan Central, \$509,999.
The express companies were in the
line reduced somewhat. The Adams,
\$62,999; American, \$138,999; and
Wells-Fargo, \$68,999. The Citizens
Telephone company of Grand Rapids
is assessed at \$2,509,999, which is \$59,-
999 lower than the tentative assess-
ment. The Citizens of Jackson is as-
sessed at \$175,000; Home of Michigan,
\$1,509,999, which is \$100,000 lower than
the tentative assessment, while the
Bell is cut \$250,000, leaving the value
fixed at \$13,750,000. The Postal Tele-
graph company is assessed at \$309,999.

A few of the larger companies ap-
peared before the commission and
made objections to their valuations as
determined by the commission, but in
the main the objections were small. In
the commission on the Ann Arbor Rail-
road company is \$7,500,000; Chicago &
Northwestern, \$12,000,000; Lake Shore,
\$19,525,000; Michigan Central, \$509,999;
Pere Marquette, \$23,350,000. The
express companies are assessed as fol-
lows: Adams Express company, \$127,-
999; American Express company,
\$165,999; Canadian Express company,
\$209,999; United States Express com-
pany, \$229,999; Wells-Fargo company,
\$174,999; Western Express company,
\$89,999.

To Primary School Fund.

All taxes collected from these cor-
porations will be paid into the state
treasury, where it will find its way in-
to the primary school fund of the
state, to be distributed among the
school districts. The apportionment
is now made annually under a law
passed by the last regular session of
the legislature, whereas it was for-
merly made twice a year.

MANY COLONIAL PARTIES.

Numerous Washington birthday
parties have been arranged for this
city. The Finnish residents of Calumet
will entertain at such a party in the
Calumet Light Guard armory Friday
evening. The event will take the form
of a masquerade. The Knights and
Ladies of Kaleva will entertain at a
Washington birthday colonial social
at the Finnish hall on Eighth street
Saturday evening.

MADERO'S TROOPS WEAKEN; PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT NOW TO BE APPOINTED

REBELS MAKING STEADY GAINS KNOX DEFENDS POLICY OF U. S.

Fierce Attack Is Opened on the
Palace; Many Regulars
Killed Today

Secretary Declares There Is Yet
No Cause for Mexican
Intervention

FEDERALS ARE DEMORALIZED EXPLAINS WAR PREPARATIONS

BULLETIN.

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Mexico City, Feb. 18.—President Ma-
dero agreed today in principle to the
appointment of a provisional president
in the event of a presidential inter-
im. The announcement Madero had
agreed to the appointment of a provi-
sional president was made on author-
ity Mexican Foreign Minister Lugo-
rain.

The news of Madero's decision be-
came known early in the forenoon. At
that hour the position of the govern-
ment was weakening; the federal
troops apparently becoming demoral-
ized.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Many federals
were killed in heavy fighting in the
vicinity of the American embassy in
Mexico City. Many bullets entered the
embassy, doing slight damage.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Secretary
Knox told President Taft and his cabi-
net today that, notwithstanding all
the news of fighting in the City of Mex-
ico in the last eight days, there has
been no indication of the rules of civi-
lized warfare, and that no principles
of international law warrant any in-
terference by the United States. The
responsiveness of Madero and Diaz, he
said, to the suggestions of Ambassa-
dor Wilson, have been so complete and
satisfactory as to justify the strictly
neutral attitude observed by the
United States.

During the past week, Knox has
talked with several European ambas-
sadors, and in no instance has there
been a disposition to criticize the ad-
ministration for not intervening.

Concerning Preparations.

It was declared today that the steady
progress of the movements for the
concentration of ships, soldiers and
marines is not designed to meet ex-
isting conditions, but only to guard
against unexpected and graver con-
ditions that might place the safety of
foreigners in Mexico beyond the abili-
ty of the de facto government of
the country to insure. Four battle-
ships under repair in the Atlantic
coast navy yards are expected to fol-
low the Connecticut, which sailed this
morning from New York for Guanta-
rmo, and which will give Rear Ad-
miral Badger fifteen battleships at that
point.

Federals Are Reinforced.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Firing went
on practically the whole night at both
the federal and rebel positions. In the
total darkness it was impossible
to ascertain whether any advantage
had been gained on either side. At
5:15 the artillery duel ceased. No reason
for the cessation of hostilities was
known. Up to 8:15 fighting had not
been renewed. The tenth day of the
civil war found virtually no change
in the positions of the antagonists,
but it is understood the federals have
received reinforcements.

Wilson Aiding the People.

Washington, Feb. 18.—With sickness
and famine confronting the people of
Mexico City, Ambassador Wilson has
established an embassy relief organiza-
tion. Wilson reports many killed in
yesterday's fighting. Hundreds of Amer-
icans and other foreigners were pre-
vented from leaving because the firing
makes it impossible for them to make
the necessary preparations.

FIRST CLASS ORCHESTRA.

Calumet Engineers to Have Musical
Organization of Their Own.

The Calumet Engineers will soon
have a first-class musical organiza-
tion of their own to assist in the
little informal entertainments given from
time to time. Under the direction of
Lieut. J. W. Pauberty, the members of
the company who have mastered vari-
ous musical instruments are being
brought together and they will meet
soon to name a director and to ar-
range for regular rehearsals. The or-
chestra will be composed of about
twelve pieces.

ABOUT \$11,000 DELINQUENT.

Township Treasurer Anton Tomas-
et reports that the total amount of
delinquent taxes at present are about
\$11,000. Special efforts are being
made to collect this amount before
the roll is returned to the county
treasurer. There is but a short
time left for the collection of taxes in
this township as the roll must be re-
turned soon after March 1.

LONG STRIKE OF CARMEN IN SOUTHWEST SETTLED

Kansas City, Feb. 18.—A strike
called in September, 1911, involving
eleven hundred carmen throughout the
Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad
system, ceased at noon today. The
strike followed the refusal of the com-
pany to honor a contract with the car-
men as laid down by a committee of
the union as a whole. President
Ryan, of the International Brother-
hood of Railway Carmen, said the com-
pany has now agreed to recognize the
action of the committee as a whole as
binding over the entire system. The
principal shops affected by the strike
were the Sedalia, Mo., Fort Worth, and
Denison, Texas, and Parsons, Kansas.

DEMAND EXAMINATIONS.

Joseph Rock, charged with violating
the liquor laws by keeping his saloon
open on Sunday, will be given a pre-
liminary examination before Justice
C. O. Jackson Tuesday afternoon. Joseph
Grabek will be given an examina-
tion in the same court on the same
charge Wednesday morning. Both of
these defendants were arrested and ar-
raigned Monday, entering pleas of not
guilty.

BALKAN WAR NEWS SCARCE.

London, Feb. 18.—News of the Balk-
an war is becoming extremely meager.
The dispatches from Constantinople
are subjected to long delays and strict
censorship. Enver Bey, the young
"Turk" leader, reported yesterday as
severely wounded, telegraphed friends
today denying the reports.